

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A clip manipulating device comprising:
a flexible insertion tube capable of being inserted into a cavity of a living body;
a flexible wire ~~having which is pliable~~ ~~pliability~~ and movably passed through the insertion tube;
a junction provided on [[the]] a distal end portion of the wire, detachably coupled with a clip located at [[the]] a distal end portion of the insertion tube, and pliable enough to follow up deformation of the insertion tube.
2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The clip manipulating device according to claim 1, wherein the junction has a looped portion formed by turning one end part of the wire, the looped portion being coupled with the clip.
3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The clip manipulating device according to claim 1, wherein the junction has a turn portion of the wire, coupled to the clip and a weak portion formed of at least parts of doubled wire portions on two opposite sides and intertwined so as to loosen when the wire is hauled with a tractive effort great enough to leave the clip.
- 4-8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) A clip manipulating device comprising:
flexible insertion means capable of being inserted into a cavity of a living body; and

elongate means which is passed through the insertion means for advance and retreat, can move with respect to the insertion means so as to be detachably coupled to a clip located at ~~[[the]]~~ a distal end portion of the insertion means, is ~~not less~~ pliable ~~than~~ enough to follow up deformation of the insertion means, and effects grasping operation and disengaging operation of the clip.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The clip manipulating device according to claim 9, wherein the elongate means has a flexible wire.

11. (Currently Amended) A clip manipulating device comprising:
a flexible insertion tube capable of being inserted into a cavity of a living body;

a manipulating member which is passed through the insertion tube for advance and retreat and moves with respect to the insertion tube, thereby effecting grasping operation and disengaging operation of a clip located at ~~[[the]]~~ a distal end portion of the insertion tube;
and

a flexible connecting member having one end and the other end, the one end being coupled to ~~[[the]]~~ a distal end of the manipulating member and the other end detachably coupled to the clip, and pliable enough to follow up deformation of the insertion tube.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The clip manipulating device according to claim 11, wherein the connecting member has a flexible wire and a junction provided on ~~the~~ a distal end portion of the wire, detachably coupled to the clip, and pliable enough to follow up deformation of the insertion tube.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The clip manipulating device according to claim 12, wherein the wire has a turn portion coupled to the clip and a weak portion formed of at least parts of doubled wire portions of the wire on two opposite sides and intertwined so as to loosen when the manipulating member is hauled.

15. (Currently Amended) A clip manipulating device comprising:
a flexible insertion tube capable of being inserted into a cavity of a living body;
a manipulating member which is passed through the insertion tube for movement and is moved with respect to the insertion tube, thereby effecting grasping ~~grasping~~ operation and disengaging operation of a clip located at [[the]] a distal end portion of the insertion tube means; and

a coupling member which is provided on [[the]] a distal end of the manipulating member, is coupled to a wire extending from the clip and pliable enough to follow up deformation of the insertion tube, effects grasping operation of the clip, and can leave the clip when the manipulating member is hauled with a tractive effort great enough to leave the clip.

16. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The clip manipulating device according to claim 1, which comprises a flexible tube sheath penetrated by the insertion tube for advance and retreat, the tube sheath being capable of storing the clip located at the distal end portion of the insertion tube.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) The clip manipulating device according to claim 1, wherein the wire has a turn portion coupled to the clip and a weak portion formed of at least parts of doubled wire portions on two opposite sides and deformed so as to loosen when the wire is hauled with a tractive effort great enough to leave the clip.

19. (New) The clip manipulating device according to claim 11, wherein the manipulating member includes a flexible wire which has a turn portion coupled to the clip and a weak portion formed of at least parts of doubled wire portions on two opposite sides and deformed so as to loosen when the manipulating member is hauled.

20. (New) The clip manipulating device according to claim 1, wherein the junction is integrally formed with the flexible wire.

21. (New) The clip manipulating device according to claim 11, wherein the flexible connecting member is integrally formed with the manipulating member.

22. (New) The clip manipulating device according to claim 21, wherein the flexible connecting member and the manipulating member are formed by a flexible wire.